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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the

application.

**Listing of Claims:** 

40. (Currently Amended) A method for diagnosing breast cancer in a subject,

comprising:

determining a level levels of expression of a p14 peptide in one or more fluid

samples from the said subject,

wherein when the a high level of expression is above a determined standard,

there is signifying a high probability for breast cancer in the said subject.

41. (Currently Amended) The method of claim Claim 40, further comprising assaying for

the level of p14 peptide in [[a]] the fluid sample obtained from the subject, the assaying

comprising said method comprises:

[[(a)]] contacting the fluid said sample with anti-p14 antibodies,[[;]]

[[(b)]] determining binding of the anti-p14 antibodies to the p14 peptide.

42. (Currently Amended) The method of claim Claim 41, wherein the fluid said sample is

a tissue or body fluid sample excised or withdrawn from a breast lump or other

suspicious area in the breast of the subject.

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43. (Currently Amended) The method of claim Claim 42, wherein said the fluid sample is

selected from the group consisting of whole blood, blood serum, milk and saliva from

fresh biobsy section, cryo section or paraffin embedded section.

44. (Currently Amended) The method of claim Claim 40, wherein said the fluid sample is

[[a]] blood <u>serum</u> sample.

45. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 40, comprising assaying for the level of anti-p14

antibodies in a sample obtained from the subject, said method comprises: (a) contacting

said sample with p14 peptide;(b) determining binding of p14 peptide to anti-p14

antibodies.

46. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 45, wherein said p14 peptide is His-tag p14

peptide comprising the sequence depicted in SEQ ID NO:2.

47. (Currently Amended) A method for screening <u>fluid</u> samples <u>from subjects</u> into such

which signify that subjects from which they were obtained have a relatively high

possibility of having or being susceptible of developing breast cancer and such which

signify that subjects from which they were obtained have a relatively lower probability of

having or being susceptible of developing breast cancer, the method comprising:

contacting each of the fluid samples from the subjects with anti-p14 antibodies

and determining binding of anti-p14 antibodies and p14 peptide, if present in said the

sample,

wherein when a high degree of binding is higher than a determined standard

there is signifying a corresponding higher probability [[of]] that the subject from which

the sample was obtained has developed, having or is being susceptible to [[of]]

developing, breast cancer.

48. (Currently Amended) The method of claim Claim 47, wherein said the fluid sample is

a tissue or body fluid sample excised or withdrawn from an suspicious area in a the

breast of the subject.

49. (Currently Amended) The method of claim Claim [[48]]47, wherein said the fluid

sample is selected from fresh biopsy section, cryo-section or paraffin embedded section

the group consisting of whole blood, blood serum, milk and saliva.

50. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [49]48, wherein said the sample

is a blood serum sample.

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51. (Withdrawn) A method for screening samples into such which signify that subjects

from which they were obtained have a relatively high possibility of having or being

susceptible of developing breast cancer and such which signify that subjects from which

they were obtained have a relatively lower probability of having or being susceptible of

developing breast cancer, the method comprising contacting the samples with p14

peptide and determining binding of p14 peptide with anti-p14 antibodies, a high degree

of binding signifying a corresponding higher probability of having or being susceptible of

developing breast cancer.

52. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 51, wherein said sample is a blood sample.

53. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 52, wherein said p14 peptide is His-tag p14

peptide comprising the sequence depicted in SEQ ID NO:2.

54. (Withdrawn) A method for the treatment of breast cancer comprising administering

to a subject in need of anti-breast cancer treatment an amount of anti-p14 antibodies,

the amount being sufficient to achieve an anti cancer effect in said subject.

55. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 54, wherein said anti-p14 antibodies are

humanized antibodies.

56. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 54, wherein said anti-p14 antibodies are bound to

a protein transducing element.

57. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 56, wherein said protein transducing element is

the (37-72) Tat fragment of HIV-HV1B1 Tat.

58. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 54, wherein said anti-p14 antibodies are bound to

a cytotoxic agent.

59. (Withdrawn) A method for the treatment of breast cancer comprising administering

to a subject in need an amount of p14 peptide, the amount being effective to elicit

production of anti-p14 antibodies in said subject.

60. (Withdrawn) pharmaceutical composition for the treatment of breast cancer

comprising as active ingredient an amount of anti-p14 antibodies, the amount being

sufficient to achieve a therapeutic effect in said subject.

61. (Withdrawn) The pharmaceutical composition of Claim 60, wherein said anti-p14

antibodies are humanized antibodies.

62. (Withdrawn) The pharmaceutical composition of Claim 61, wherein said anti-p14

antibodies are bound to a protein transducing element.

63. (Withdrawn) The pharmaceutical composition of Claim 62, wherein said protein

transducing element is the (37-72) Tat fragment of HIV-HV1B1 Tat.

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64. (Withdrawn) The pharmaceutical composition of Claim 60, wherein said anti-p14

antibodies are bound to a cytotoxic agent.

65. (Withdrawn) A vaccine comprising as active ingredient an amount of p14 peptide or

an immunogenic fragment thereof, the amount being sufficient to elicit in a subject

production of anti-p14 antibodies.